

Beyond his scientific genius, Dr. Fauci has served our Nation with compassion and bravery. During the 1980s and 1990s, he personally cared for HIV-infected patients and for the first time, brought patient voices into the drug development process. In 2014, Dr. Fauci helped treat and notably hugged a nurse who had recovered from the Ebola virus, and he has treated Covid-19 patients on a near-daily basis. As Dr. Fauci has carried on with his noble work on Covid-19, he has been subjected to personal attacks and death threats that have required security protection for himself and his family, but he has retained his unswerving commitment to the wellbeing of the American people.

I have served on the Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee for 28 years, with jurisdiction over the National Institutes of Health. From that position, I have benefited from Dr. Fauci's trusted testimony and expertise. His steady hand and scientific integrity have guided Congress for decades and his advice will be deeply missed. My work has been consistently shaped by Dr. Fauci's advice and it's been the privilege of a lifetime to serve with

one of the greatest public servants of our country.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in thanking Dr. Anthony Fauci for his extraordinary service and in wishing him every blessing in the next chapter of his life. He is a good and great man and we are a stronger, healthier nation because of him and his work.

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**HON. MICHELLE STEEL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 16, 2022*

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, today I honor the career and service of one of my constituents. Erik Peterson has honorably served the people of Orange County, the State of California, and the United States of America for years.

A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Erik was first elected to the Huntington

Beach City Council in 2014. He was reelected to the Council in 2018, and then served as the Mayor of Huntington Beach 2019 and 2020. As a Council Member, Erik served as the Director of both the Orange County Sanitation District and the Southern California Association of Governments.

Erik isn't just a dedicated public servant, but he is also a job creator. In 1999 he founded Intec Network Solutions, an electrical contracting company that specializes in keeping communities across California safe with commercial fire alarms and security.

He and his wife, Brandi, call Huntington Beach home and have raised their two sons there, actively participating in and contributing to their community.

People like Erik are at the heart of successful communities, and he has made Huntington Beach a better place with his service in both business and government. On behalf of all Orange County residents, I congratulate him on a job well-done and thank him for his years of commitment to Huntington Beach.